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The meeting was called to order at 10.55 a.m.

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(agenda item 10) (continued)

1. The CHAIRMAN said that the African Group had nominated Mr. Parreira (Angola), the Latin American and Caribbean Group had nominated Mr. Caballero (Cuba), and the Western Group had nominated Mr. Loftis (United States of America) as members of the Working Group on Situations, which would meet from 3 to 7 March 1997. The remaining regional groups would make their nominations at a later date.

2. If he heard no objections, he would take it that the Commission wished to accept those nominations.

3. It was so decided.

ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION (agenda item 3) (continued) (E/CN.4/1996/CRP.1)

4. The CHAIRMAN drawing the Commission's attention to document E/CN.4/1996/CRP.1, which contained a list of possible ways of reforming the Commission's working methods, noted that further consultations would be required on those issues.

DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COMMISSION (agenda item 24) (E/CN.4/1996/L.1; E/CN.4/1996/L.100)

5. The CHAIRMAN said he regretted that, despite intensive consultations, his attempts to suggest a restructuring of the Commission's agenda (E/CN.4/1996/L.100) had not met with widespread agreement among its members. In the circumstances, he assumed that the Commission wished to take note of the draft provisional agenda for the Commission's fifty-third session (E/CN.4/1996/L.1) and forward it to the fifty-third session.

6. It was so decided.

REPORT TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL ON THE FIFTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE COMMISSION (agenda item 25) (E/CN.4/1996/L.10 and Addenda 1-20; E/CN.4/1996/L.11 and Addenda 1-4)

7. Mr. VENU (India), Rapporteur, introducing the draft report of the Commission on its fifty-second session, said that, as in the past, the

draft report consisted of two parts: a compilation of the 85 resolutions and 14 decisions adopted at the current session, contained in document E/CN.4/1996/L.11 and its Addenda 1 to 4; and the proceedings, including the general debate and voting under the various agenda items, contained in document E/CN.4/1996/L.10 and its Addenda 1 to 20. The draft report was limited to proceedings of a technical nature. Substantive proceedings were to be found in the summary records of the Commission.

8. Because of the change in the dates of the fifty-second session and because the forthcoming session of the Economic and Social Council was to be held in July 1996, the report would be issued in two parts. The first part would contain all the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission at its fifty-second session and the draft resolutions and decisions to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council for consideration. The second part would contain all the remaining chapters and annexes.

9. The CHAIRMAN invited the Commission to adopt the draft report on the work of its fifty-second session, considering each section and addendum separately. Those parts which were not yet available would be adopted ad referendum.

Draft report of the Commission (E/CN.4/1996/L.10)

10. E/CN.4/1996/L.10 was adopted.

Addenda 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7

11. Addenda 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 were adopted.

Addendum 8

12. Mr. ALFONSO MARTINEZ (Cuba) said that paragraph 25 should be amended to include a mention of the date of submission to the Secretariat of the draft resolution in question.

13. Addendum 8, as amended, was adopted.

Addenda 10-19

14. Addenda 10-19 were adopted.

Draft report of the Commission (E/CN.4/1996/L.11 and Addenda 1 to 4)

15. The CHAIRMAN said he took it that the Commission wished to adopt document E/CN.4/1996/L.11 and its Addenda 1 to 4.

16. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 11.30 a.m.